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press conference yesterday.

Kennedy Assassination

Q.: Mr. President, as you know, an aura of mystery has developed around the assassination of President Kennedy. I am thinking of two or three books that were written, and some lawyers and others casting doubts on the works of the Warren Commission.

The case, as I understand it, was based on the alleged mysterious disappearance of photos, X-rays and so forth.

Now the Justice Department discloses that the Kennedy family had these documents and they have now been turned over to the National Archives.

I wonder why that was not disclosed before, and also why this material is still not available to competent non-government investigators?

A.: First, I think it has been available to the Warren Commission anytime it wanted to see it. Second, I think it is available to any official body now. Third, I think that every American can understand the reasons why we wouldn't want to have the garments, the records and everything paraded out in every sewing circle in the country to be exploited and used without serving any good or official purpose.

It is my understanding, and all of this took place while I was away, that most of this has been over in the Archives stored all the time. It has always been available to the Warren Commission and the Government, the Justice Department, the FBI. The late, beloved President's brother was Attorney General during the period the Warren Commission was studying this thing, I certainly would think he would have a very thorough interest in seeing that the truth was made evident. I believe he did have. I think that he, the FBI and the entire Government made available everything that the Commission wanted. I think they made a very thorough study. I know of no evidence that would in any way cause any reasonable person to have a doubt about the Warren Commission.

But if there is any evidence and it is brought forth, I am sure that the Commission and the appropriate authorities will take action that may be justified.

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